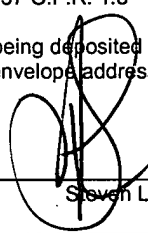


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In re Application of:

Frank D. HONG and
Gary CLAYMAN

Serial No.: 09/899,376

Filed: July 2, 2001

For: ISOLATION OF A CELL-SPECIFIC
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INFILTRATES TUMOR TISSUE FOR
TARGETED DRUG DELIVERY

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: C. H. Yaen

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSC:645US/SLH

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-01450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated September 23, 2003 for which the three-month date for response is December 23, 2003. It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSD:546USD1. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.